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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper responds to the final Office Action dated July 26, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated November 16, 2007, for which the period of response extends through December 26, 2007 with two months extension to time. This response is thus timely filed. Please note a Request for Continued Examination has been filed concurrently with this paper.

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